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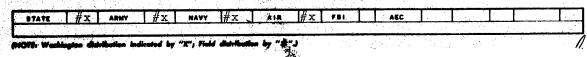
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Possible Instances	,

In June 1954, fires on Velky Lopenik Mountain 25X1 in the White Carpathians near the Moravian-Slovakian border, about 70 km. southwest of Prerov (N 49-27, E 17-27). Others 25X1 who saw the fires assumed they were signals set up by partisan groups for parachutists. groups for parachutists. many persons believed partisan groups were hiding in the Carpathian Mountains

25X1 b. In the Carpathian area, police established roadblocks at

various times and checked people for documents. Normally, such checks were conducted only in territory along the border. Many considered these checks indirect proof of the existence of partisans.

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Air	ms	
2.	the chief aim of partisan groups was	25 <b>X</b> 1
	to broadcast to the West and to obtain production figures of Czechoslovak industries.	25X1
	the aim of partisan groups was not of a long-range nature but was	25X1
	confined to the transmission of accurate information to the West	25X1 25X1
Ext	tent of Operations	
3.	partisan operations were limited and conducte	
	on a small scale by small groups.	25X1 25X1
Sat	potage Activities	
4.	one incident of sabotage when railroad workers damaged locomotives in order to tie up the railroad yards in Prerov.	25 <b>X</b> 1
Pro	bable Scope and Success	
5.	The Czechoslovak people thought of the possible success of current resistance operations, without massive external aid only in terms of small-scale results. They did not expect any major changes or upheavals in government. They apparently believed that only outside help could bring about large-scale results.	25X1
Mem	bership	25 <b>X</b> 1
6.	no precise data on partisans. most of	
	them were adult males. there were no women partis most partisans were Czechs that had fled to the west at an earlier date and then returned to wage a fight for the eventual liberation of Czechoslovakia.	3 <b>a</b> 25 <b>X</b> 1
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Snor	ntaneous Group Activities and Unrest	
9.	In June 1953 at the rail center of Prerov, workers struck from two	
	Equipment Plant in Prerov, when all workers went on strike; they did nothing but mill around in the factory yards. The factory militia kept the workers from leaving the premises and demonstratin The factory militia was made up of regular workers who, when needed	
	were alerted and called to quell unrest.	25X

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25X1 Approved For Release 2009/09/18: CIA-RDP82-00046R000400300009-5 SECRET - 3 the workers had killed 25X1 one of the factory militia who attempted to harangue them into resuming work. 10. 25X1 student demonstrations in Brno in 1946 during the first money reform. Other demonstrations, mainly by students of the Technical University, occurred after 1948. The reason for such demonstrations was that the government had originally intended to build a monument to Jan Masaryk on the main square opposite a finished Soviet memorial, but never got beyond placing the corner-stone of Masaryk's monument. All demonstrating students were 25X1 a student demonstration that occurred on 10 March 1948, protesting the government's claim that Masaryk had committed suicide. 25X1 Regime's Effect on Youth 12. Czechoslowaks felt that Community because young Czechoslovaks felt that Communism in Czechoslovakia aimed to further the cause of the USSR rather than any Czechoslovak cause. Anti- 25X1 Communist feelings were not so much inspired by positive ideals as by the fact that foreigners, not Czechoslovaks, would reap the benefits and profits under the Communist régime. Popular Attitude Toward the Régime 13. People were dissatisfied with the low standard of merchandise and were convinced that all merchandise of good quality was exported mainly to the USSR. At times exported goods were returned by the buyer to Czechoslovakia because of minor defects and were then resold on the domestic market. The Czechoslovaks were very anxious to buy these rejected export goods because they knew that they better than goods normally sold on the domestic market. Financial Support of Resistance Groups 14. 25X1 most partisans were Czechs that originally fled to the West and later returned to Czechoslovakia. 25X1 25X1 only support they might receive from within the country would be limited to food and minor supplies. 25X1 Trend of Communism 25X1

15. Communism was losing ground in the country and that the Communist Party was losing members.

## Resistance Potential of the Population

25X1 16. 95% of the population would side with the West in the event of hostilities. Most members of the SNB were former members of the Czechoslovak rural police and the government could not completely count on them. 25X1 of the population in Moravia and Slovakia would fight the regime, but in Bohemia possibly only 70% would do so. 25X1

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in Moravia and Slovakia popular

complaints against the regime were common and were openly made
in front of the SNB; these complaints consisted of high costs
and poor quality of goods.

satisfied group and the first which would join the West would be
the farmers. The second group would be the workers.

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## Anti-Semitism

no instances of anti-Semitism in Czechoslovakia.